

AMENDMENTS

It should be understood that the following amendments to the specification and claims are intended to clarify any confusion between alternate meanings of the word “dispose,” and any variations thereof. After the changes indicated, “disposable,” “disposed,” and any other similar terms refer to an alternate meaning from the one cited by Examiner: “the terms ‘disposal’ and disposable [] simply mean ‘to place.’”¹ However, these amendments are not intended to limit the specification or the claims in any way. Applicants maintain that the term “situated” should be interpreted as having one meaning of “disposed,” which is similar to, but not in any way limited by Examiner’s definition.

In the Specification:

Please replace the word “disposed” with the word “situated” in the following instances: paragraph 0006, first sentence; paragraph 0019, last sentence; paragraph 0025, first sentence; paragraph 0029, second sentence; and paragraph 0029, last sentence. This will result in the following revised paragraphs:

[0006] In accordance with a particular embodiment, a disposable downhole tool includes a body and a compression element ~~disposed~~ situated about the body. The compression element includes at least one preconfigured division at disposal of the disposable downhole tool, which may aid the disposal process.

[0019] Referring to FIG. 1, the disposable well plug 12 includes an elongated body 20, a cage 22 at the upper end of the elongated body 20, a spacer ring 24, slips 26, wedges 28, extrusion limiters 30, a sealing element 32, and a mule shoe

¹ See Office Action dated November 28, 2005, page 2.

34. The slips 26, wedges 28, extrusion limiters 30, and sealing element 32 as well as other components of the disposable well plug 12 may each be an annular element ~~disposed~~ situated about the elongated body 20.

[0025] The sealing element 32 comprises a radially expandable seal assembly ~~disposed~~ situated about the elongated body 20. The sealing element 32 has an outer axial surface 49a and an inner axial surface 49b. When the disposable well plug 12 is in a relaxed position, for example during positioning the disposable well plug 12 in a wellbore, a gap exists between the outer axial surface 49a of the sealing element 32 and the wall or casing of the wellbore. As described in more detail below, when the disposable well plug 12 is set in a wellbore, the sealing element 32 is compressed along the longitudinal axis of the disposable well plug 12 and expanded to form a seal between the elongated body 20 of the disposable well plug 12 and the casing 130 (FIG. 5) of the wellbore.

[0029] FIG. 2 illustrates details of the center compression element 52 in accordance with one embodiment. In this embodiment, the center compression element 52 is ~~disposed~~ situated and configured to fit between the set of end compression elements 54. It will be understood that the center compression element 52 may be otherwise suitably ~~disposed~~ situated and/or shaped without departing from the scope of the present invention.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as indicated below.